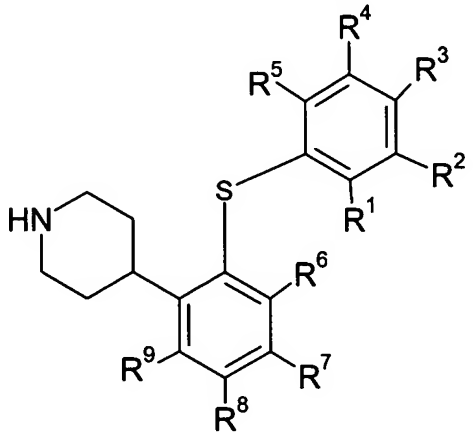
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A compound represented by the general formula I



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wherein

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, hydroxy, hydroxy-C_{1-6}-alkyl, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom;

R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-

alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, hydroxy, hydroxy-C_{1-6}-alkyl, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, hydroxy-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom;

provided that at least one of R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, and R^9 is different from hydrogen; also provided that when R^3 is methyl, then at least one of R^1, R^2, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7, R^8, R^9 is different from hydrogen;

or a salt thereof.

18. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, provided that if one of R^x and R^y is NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl then the other is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-

cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom.

19. (New) The compound of claim 18 wherein R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, or halogen.

20. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

21. (New) The compound of claim 20, wherein R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkoxy, halogen, or C_{1-6}-alkyl.

22. (New) The compound claim 17, wherein R^3 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

23. (New) The compound of claim 22, wherein R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{1-6}-alkoxy, halogen, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, hydroxy-C_{1-6}-alkyl, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x is hydrogen and R^y is C_{1-6}-alkyl, or C_{2-6}-alkenyl.

24. (New) The compound of claim 23, wherein R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{1-6}-alkoxy, or halogen.

25. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^4 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

26. (New) The compound of claim 25, wherein R^4 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkoxy, halogen, or C_{1-6}-alkyl

27. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, C_{1-6}-alkylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkenylsulfanyl, C_{2-6}-alkynylsulfanyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, provided that if one of R^x and R^y is NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl then the other is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom.

28. (New) The compound of claim 27, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, or halogen.

29. (New) The compound of claim 17 wherein R^6 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

30. (New) The compound of claim 29, wherein R^6 is hydrogen or halogen.

31. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^7 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

32. (New) The compound of claim 31, wherein R^7 is hydrogen or halogen.

33. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^8 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{1-6}-alkyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkenyloxy, C_{2-6}-alkynyloxy, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^xR^y wherein R^x and R^y are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, wherein R^z and R^w are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, provided that if one of R^x and R^y is NR^zR^w-C_{1-6}-alkyl, NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or NR^zR^w-C_{2-6}-alkynyl then the other is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, cyano-C_{1-6}-alkyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, cyano-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl, or C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{3-8}-cycloalkenyl-C_{2-6}-alkynyl; or R^x and R^y together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 3-7-membered ring which optionally contains one further heteroatom.

34. (New) The compound of claim 33, wherein R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{1-6}-alkoxy, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, or halogen.

35. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein R^9 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, C_{2-6}-alkenyl, C_{2-6}-alkynyl, halo-C_{1-6}-alkyl, halo-C_{2-6}-alkenyl, or halo-C_{2-6}-alkynyl.

36. (New) The compound of claim 35, wherein R^9 is hydrogen or halogen.

37. (New) The compound of claim 17, wherein the compound of formula I has 1-4 substituents in the phenyl ring(s), selected from any one of R^1-R^9, which are different from hydrogen, and the remaining substituents are hydrogen.

38. (New) A compound selected from the group consiting of

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl- piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-3-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-bromo-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-4-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-3-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(Phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Bromo-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methyl-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(5-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methyl-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methoxy-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methoxy-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methyl-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methoxy-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-methoxy-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

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4-[2-(4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

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4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-6-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2,3-Dichloro-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(2-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;

4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Chloro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dihydro-benzo[1,4]dioxin-6-ylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-3-methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-Methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(5-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2,3-Dimethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Methoxy-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(3-Fluoro-4-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenylsulfanyl)-4-fluoro-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(4-Hydroxymethyl-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-methyl-amine-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]-piperidine;
4-[2-(2-Fluoro-4-vinyl-phenylsulfanyl)-5-fluorophenyl]-piperidine;
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of any of the foregoing compounds.

39. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

40. (New) A method of treating an affective disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said affective disorder.

41. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein said affective disorder is depression.

42. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein said patient is a human.

43. (New) A method of treating an anxiety disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 17 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said anxiety disorder.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said anxiety disorder is selected from the group consisting of general anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, panic attacks, specific phobias, social phobia and agoraphobia.

45. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein said patient is a human.

46. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

47. (New) A method of treating an affective disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said affective disorder.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said affective disorder is depression.

49. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein said patient is a human.

50. (New) A method of treating an anxiety disorder in a patient in need of such treatment, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 38 or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to said patient, to treat said anxiety disorder.

51. (New) The method of claim 50 wherein said anxiety disorder is selected from the group consisting of general anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, panic attacks, specific phobias, social phobia and agoraphobia.

52. (New) The method of claim 50 wherein said patient is a human.